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Senate Bill 472 (Substitute S-1 as reported)
Sponsor: Senator Howard C. Walker
Committee: Local Government and Elections

CONTENT

The bill would amend the State Survey and Remonumentation Act to do the following:

- Re-establish the State Survey and Remonumentation Commission.
- Require the Commission to establish policy with regard to certain activities it is required to perform.
- Require the Commission to perform specified appellate duties.
- Require members of the Commission to be reimbursed from the State Survey and Remonumentation Fund, rather than the General Fund.
- Eliminate a requirement that the Commission appoint an executive director and delegate duties to him or her.
- Require the program manager of the State Survey and Remonumentation Section in the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, as well as his or her chief assistant, to be licensed professional surveyors.
- Refer to the program manager, rather than the Commission, in several provisions regarding county monumentation and remonumentation plans.
- Require an approved county plan for monumentation and remonumentation to include a peer review for all remonumented corners.
- Require a county board of commissioners to appoint a peer review group to review remonumentation documentation and corner positions.
- Specify that a county plan would have to include one phase for monumentation and remonumentation and the establishment of precise geodetic coordinates for each remonumented corner, and a second phase including a required perpetual monument maintenance plan.
- Require a county plan to include an appendix that contained explicit inventories and the total quantities of the corners completed to date and the corners yet to be completed.
- Require a county board of commissioners to appoint an individual to act as the grant administrator to manage the county's obligations for all projects approved or initiated under the Act.
- Delete a requirement that the Commission spend 40% of certain recording fees collected in a county to implement that county's plan.

(The Commission originally created by the Act was disbanded under Executive Order 1997-12, which transferred its authority, powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities to what is now the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs.)

The bill would take effect on January 1, 2014.

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Legislative Analyst: Julie Cassidy

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have a neutral fiscal impact on State government and a neutral fiscal impact on local units of government. The bill would require the State Survey and Remonumentation Commission to mediate disputes between counties regarding corner location, act as an appellate board to review corner location decisions, and hold public hearings to resolve disputes over the interpretation of a county plan. To the extent that these functions are not already performed by the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, this requirement would result in additional costs that would be covered with revenue from the Survey and Remonumentation Fund.

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